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Integrated ESH Management System (EMS/OHSAS) Internal Audit Feb. 7, 2007

If you aren't already aware, BNL will have their ESH Management System Internal Audit the week of 2/5/07. The audit will review both of our EMS and OHSAS Management Systems. EENS is scheduled for Wednesday

2/7/07. We are anticipating employee interviews and field verification of our ESH Program to be the main focus. The objective of the internal audit is to prepare us for the registration audit in May conducted by

NSF. Yes, they were just here and granted registration, however, registration is due for the lab as a whole in May. As we find out where they would like to visit, we will try and notify everyone next week.

BNL's ESSH Policy (An Audit Favorite)

We all need to be familiar with the lab's [Environment Safety Security and Health Policy](#). The basic premise of our policy is compliance and protection of workers,

the environment and the lab's property. The policy is posted throughout buildings in common areas. Ask your building manager where it can be found in your

building. To view the policy on-line, select the ESH drop down on the BNL home page and the first selection is the ESSH Policy.

Work Planning and Control

One of the most important parts of our ESH Program is that all work is planned. For hands on work we have 2 options; the Experimental Safety Review (ESR) and the Work Permit. Of course there are still tasks that are considered skill of the craft.

These tasks were assessed during our Job Risk Assessments (JRA). JRA's and FRA's (Facility Risk Assessments) are maintained on the [EENS Research Operations Web Page](#). If you are selected to be interviewed during the audit, utilize your

work planning documentation to answer the auditors specific questions about your work. Remember the ESR's are posted in your laboratory for reference.

Document Control

Unfortunately, BNL is still in the infancy stage when it comes to strict adherence to document control. On both the EMS and OHSAS previous audits, document control was an issue. What can you do? Re-

view all documents that you have posted in the labs and work areas. If an auditor can find an ESH consequence in your posted instructions, the item is considered an Operator Aid. The minimum requirements for an

operator aid are name or signature and date. The best management practice is, if it is important enough to post, then consider it an operator aid. Put your name, date and signature on the document.

Safety Corner

Did you know? Face shields are considered secondary protectors intended to protect the entire face against exposure to chemicals and



other hazards. According to OSHA "Face shields should only be worn over primary eye protection (safety glasses or goggles)".